

Title: DETACHABLE WHEEL COVER

This invention relates to covers for the wheels of trolleys such as golf trolleys or for the wheels of pushchairs and the like.

5 A problem frequently encountered by golfers is that having played a round of golf, the wheels of the trolley carrying the golfer's clubs have become dirty. The golfer must therefore either clean the wheels or provide a mat or the like to prevent the boot of the vehicle in which the trolley is to be carried from becoming soiled. In either case, the trolley can move while the vehicle, in which the trolley
10 is being carried, is being driven and dirt can shake loose from the wheels of the trolley and soil the vehicle.

The same problem arises with foldable pushchairs and the present invention seeks to provide a solution to the problem.

According to the invention, there is provided a cover for a wheel of a trolley,
15 pushchair or the like, which cover comprises a substantially cylindrical part which is adapted to fit around the periphery of a wheel for which the cover is intended, a first side adapted to cover one side of the wheel and a second side adapted to cover the other side of the wheel, the substantially cylindrical part being joined to or formed integrally with the first and second sides of the cover and a closable
20 opening being provided whereby a wheel can be inserted into the cover through the opening and said opening then being closed by releasable fastening means; wherein the opening is provided in one of the sides of the cover.

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the opening is provided in a side of the cover which is intended, in use, to cover the side of the
25 wheel from which an axle on which the wheel is mounted extends. Desirably, the

CLAIMS

1. A cover for a wheel of a trolley, pushchair or the like, said cover comprising a substantially cylindrical part which is adapted to fit around the periphery of a wheel for which the cover is intended, a first side adapted to cover one side of the wheel and a second side adapted to cover the other side of the wheel, the substantially cylindrical part being joined to or formed integrally with the first and second sides of the cover and a closable opening being provided whereby a wheel can be inserted into the cover through the opening and said opening then being closed by releasable fastening means, wherein the opening is provided in one of the sides of the cover.
2. A wheel cover according to claim 1, wherein the opening is provided in a side of the cover which is intended, in use, to cover the side of a wheel from which an axle on which the wheel is mounted extends.
3. A wheel cover according to claim 2, wherein the opening is closable by a flap which extends over an arc of the said side of the cover in which the opening is provided and which is adapted to be releasably fastened to said side and/or the substantially cylindrical part of the cover to close said opening.
4. A wheel cover according to claim 3, wherein the arc is approximately 45°.
5. A wheel cover according to claim 3, wherein the arc is approximately 90°.
6. A wheel cover according to any one of claims 3 to 5, wherein a second flap is provided, each flap extending over approximately one half of the arc of said opening and the flaps being provided with releasable fastening means whereby they can be releasably secured together to close the opening.

7. A wheel cover according to any one of claims 2 to 6, wherein a small part of the opening in a central region of the side of the cover is arranged to remain open, in the closed position of the cover, to accommodate the axle on which the wheel is mounted when the wheel cover is in use.
- 5 8. A wheel cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein advertising or promotional material is applied to the other side of the cover.
9. A wheel cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the releasable fastening means comprise press studs and/or at least one sliding clasp fastener and/or at least one pair of co-operating engageable strips.
- 10 10. A wheel cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cover is made of a flexible and waterproof material and/or a synthetic plastics material.